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TOPIC Exercises by Engineer Units of Division Prenzlau

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Paragraphs 1 to 2, and 3: Two fairly reliable sources.

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About 1100 on 12 June 1954, eight flatcars loaded with pontoons were observed at the Burg-Stargard railroad station. The pontoons were guarded by a KVP soldier. At about 1900 hours, the flatcars were no longer seen at the station. Six or seven troop cars were parked at the loading ramp.

2. About 1100 on 13 June 1954, only four pontoons were observed at the open-air storage site north of the Prenzlau installation. Previously, 70 to 80 pontoons had continuously been observed at the site. A KVP officer stated that the engineer unit commanded by Captain Huchle had left the port for some time in connection with an exercise.

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Comment. On the morning of 13 June 1954, a KVP engineer shipment was observed at the Prenzlau railroad station. There are indications that the engineer battalion of Division Prenzlau entrained at Burg-Stargard on 12 June and then proceeded to Prenzlau. It appears that the engineer company of the 2nd Inf Regt entrained in Prenzlau on 13 June and that the cars were attached to the train carrying the engineer battalion. It is possible that the engineer companies of the 3rd Inf Regt at Droegeheide and the 1st Inf Regt at Pinnow also participated in the engineer exercises held in the Oderbruch area. The exercises may have been held in the Hohenseaten area on the Oder River itself or on the so-called Alte Oder. In February 1954, this area was confiscated by the KVP. It has been reported that a new KVP installation was set up at Hohenseaten. The existence of other KVP installations or training sites in the Oderbruch area is unknown.

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